

The diary

Linda Seward's diary of the best of what's on in theatre, music, exhibitions, arts and the countryside.

Theatre

Richmond Theatre

Richmond

Tickets: atgtickets.com/richmond

Monday 8 to Saturday 13 April
The House on Cold Hill

Based on Peter James' supernatural thriller and starring Joe McFadden.

Monday 15 to Saturday 20 April
Glengarry Glen Ross

Mark Benton and Nigel Harman star in this production of David Mamet's darkly funny classic play about a hard-hitting sales team.

Monday 22 to Saturday 27 April
The Picture of Dorian Gray

New production based on Oscar Wilde's tale about the obsession with youth and beauty.

Tuesday 30 April to Saturday 4 May
Edmond de Bergerac

Hit comedy starring Freddie Fox and Josie Lawrence.

New Victoria Theatre

Woking

Tickets: atgtickets.com/woking

Sunday 14 April
An Evening with Aggers & Tuffers

An entertaining evening run in aid of the Professional Cricketers' Association Benevolent Fund.

Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 April
The House on Cold Hill

See listing above for Richmond.

Tuesday 30 April to Saturday 4 May
Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake

A powerful interpretation of Tchaikovsky's masterpiece.

New Wimbledon Theatre

Wimbledon

Tickets: atgtickets.com/wimbledon

Tuesday 16 to Saturday 20 April
Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake

See listing for New Victoria

Theatre, Woking.

Monday 29 April to Saturday 4 May
The Full Monty – The Play

by Simon Beaufoy

Based on the hit film and featuring its iconic songs.

Cranleigh Arts Centre

Cranleigh

Tickets: cranleighthartscentre.org

Friday 12 April

Tom Thumb

Family show for ages three and up.

Farnham Maltings

Farnham

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com

Friday 5 April

Seann Walsh: After This One,

I'm Going Home

Dishevelled comedian on tour.

Monday 15 April

David Baddiel's AniMalcolm the Musical

Story Pocket Theatre returns with this energetic and funny musical for all the family.

G Live

Guildford

Tickets: glive.co.uk

Monday 8 to Tuesday 9 April

Zog

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's much-loved dragon comes to life on stage.



Mark Benton and Nigel Harman, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, Richmond Theatre



Nicola Benedetti, Investec International Music Festival PHOTO COPYRIGHT: SIMON FOWLER



Reginald D Hunter, Princes Hall Theatre, Aldershot PHOTO COPYRIGHT: KASH YUSUF

Guildford Shakespeare Company

Guildford

Tickets:

guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk

Sunday 14 to Sunday 28 April
Will's birthday bash

The GSC's celebration of the Bard's birthday opens with the GSC Young Company's performances (14 to 15 April) of *Love and Wonder* in the Guildhall. The bash continues with a staged reading of King John on 24 April and ends with the Sonnet Walk Weekend (27 to 28 April).

Princes Hall Theatre

Aldershot

Tickets: princeshall.com

Friday 3 May

Reginald D Hunter: Facing the Beast

Searingly honest comic on tour.

Rose Theatre Kingston

Kingston-upon-Thames

Tickets: rosetheatrekingston.org

Wednesday 10 to Sunday 21 April
The Cat in the Hat

Based on the anarchic and much-loved book by Dr Seuss.

The Electric Theatre

Guildford

Tickets: electric.theatre

Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 April
Fantastic Mr Fox

The Man In The Moon's production of Roald Dahl's classic tale.

Tuesday 16 April
Amelia

A fascinating play about enigmatic 1930s' aviator Amelia Earhart.

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre

Guildford

Tickets: yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

Tuesday 9 to Saturday 13 April
The Remains of the Day

Based on Kazuo Ishiguro's novel.

Tuesday 30 April to Saturday 4 May
Octopus Soup!
British farce with Nick Hancock.

Music

Boilerroom

Guildford

Tickets: theboilerroom.net

Throughout the year

A community hub showcasing music, events and the arts.

See website for gig details.

Epworth Choir

Holy Trinity Church, Guildford

Tickets: epworthchoir.org

Saturday 6 April, 7.30pm

Fairest Isle: The English Pastoral

Joyful and rousing music.

Guildford Cathedral

Guildford

Tickets: guildford-cathedral.org

Saturday 27 April, 7.30pm

Cavatina Orchestra and

Chamber Choir concert

A unique performance of Haydn's Creation in aid of Guildford Cathedral, conducted by Max Todes and chorus mastered by Hannah Dienes-Williams, both aged 17.

Investec International Music Festival

Various venues

Tickets: iimf.co.uk

Wednesday 10 April – Insight

Evening and then Thursday 2

to Saturday 11 May

Tenth anniversary season for this prestigious music festival, including performances from Clare Teal and her trio and Nicola Benedetti.

Leith Hill Musical Festival

Dorking Halls

Tickets: lhmf.org.uk and

dorkinghalls.co.uk

Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 April

Competitions and concerts

Three consecutive days of choir competitions, rehearsals and evening concerts. See website for details of the full programme.

WIN tickets to see

GHOST STORIES

at the Lyric Hammersmith

essence has three pairs of tickets valid until Wednesday 8 May.

Following record-breaking sell-out shows, a West End transfer, productions in China, Australia, Canada, Europe and a smash-hit film, the original terrifying live production of *Ghost Stories* is back. Experience Andy Nyman and Jeremy Dyson's worldwide cult phenomenon in the theatre where it all began. Keep telling yourself it's only a show...

Warning: Please be advised that *Ghost Stories* contains moments of extreme shock and tension. The show is unsuitable for anyone under the age of 15. We strongly advise those of a nervous disposition to think very seriously before attending.

★★★★ "Brilliantly scary" *Daily Express*

★★★★ "I had to sleep with the lights on" *Metro*

★★★★ "Genuine scary fun" *Sunday Times*

★★★★ "An immaculately crafted evening of entertainment" *Time Out* – Critics' Choice

★★★★ "Brilliant and deeply unsettling" *The Daily Telegraph*

For a chance to win a pair of tickets for *Ghost Stories*, simply visit www.essence-magazine.co.uk and answer the following question:

What is the age limit for the show? Is it:

a) 14 b) 15 c) 16

Closing date Friday 26 April 2019.

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Ghost Stories is showing at the Lyric Hammersmith, Lyric Square, King Street, London W6 0QL until 11 May. Tickets from £10. Prices increase with demand, so book early for the best seats at the best prices.

Website: lyric.co.uk

Telephone: 020 8741 6850

Terms and conditions: One reader will win a pair of tickets to *Ghost Stories* at the Lyric Theatre Hammersmith, valid for performances to 8 May. Prize is subject to availability, no cash alternative is offered. Travel and accommodation is not included.



Tom Thumb, Cranleigh Arts Centre



Valentine Fabre, Dent du Géant, Banff Mountain Film Festival. PHOTO COPYRIGHT: BEN TIBBETTS



Michael Porter, Vanitas series, oil and acrylic on paper, New Ashgate Gallery



Bocketts Farm Park lambs PHOTO COPYRIGHT: BOCKETTS FARM PARK

Spotlight on...

Bocketts Farm Park: Easter Eggstravaganza
Fetcham

Saturday 6 to Tuesday 23 April

An exciting time of year at Bocketts Farm Park with over 350 new born lambs due in the Animal Discovery Barn. Visitors may even be lucky enough to see a lamb being born. Other attractions include Meet the Shepherd in sessions throughout the day – an opportunity to learn all about the Farm's sheep and lambs; baby chicks and ducklings in the Small Animal Village; an Easter stamp trail with a chocolate treat for each child; Snuffles and Tiggles in the Easter Garden for fun live shows; badges, colour sheets and lots more available in the Easter Craft Corner and don't miss the chance to have a boogie in the Disco Den. A full programme of farm activities is on offer with animal handling, goat milking, tractor and pony rides and pig races. See website below for more information.

Tickets: bockettsfarm.co.uk

Festivals

Banff Mountain Film Festival
G Live and Dorking Halls

Tickets: banff-uk.com

Saturday 6 April (Dorking Halls)
and Thursday 11 April (G Live)
New films of intrepid expeditions.

Farnham Beerex 2019
Farnham Maltings

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com

Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 April
All proceeds go to charity.

Godalming Spring Festival
Godalming Town Centre

Information: godalming-tc.gov.uk

Saturday 6 April
Stalls, artisan street food and more.

The Surrey Food Festival
Old Deer Park, Richmond

Tickets: surreyfoodfestival.com

Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 April
With stalls and Kids' Zone.

Woking Literary Festival
The Lightbox, Woking

Information: thelightbox.org.uk

Saturday 6 April
Extended line-up of literary events, including talks, quiz and lots more.

Exhibitions

New Ashgate Gallery
Farnham

Information: newashgate.org.uk

To Saturday 13 April
Spring craft collection
Ceramics, jewellery and textiles.

To Saturday 13 April
Monoprints: Tessa Pearson and Louise Davies

An exhibition of bold colour.

To Saturday 13 April
Rising Stars
Emerging makers in many formats.

Saturday 20 April to Saturday 8 June
PRIZE: a celebration of image
Internationally accomplished artists.

The Lightbox Gallery and Museum
Woking

Information: thelightbox.org.uk

To Sunday 2 June
Women in Photography:
A History of British Trailblazers
Showcasing achievements of female photographers working in Britain.

Watts Gallery

Compton, Guildford

Information: wattsgallery.org.uk

Tuesday 2 April to Sunday 23 June
Moonscapes

In the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, an exhibition exploring the fascination with our cosmic neighbour.

To Monday 22 April
Raymond Booth 1929-2015:
Detailing Nature

An exhibition telling the little-known story of one of Britain's most accomplished botanical, wildlife and natural history artists.

National Trust

National Trust properties offer perfect venues to explore any time of the year. We list a few, but visit nationaltrust.org.uk for more.

Claremont Landscape Garden
near Esher

Information: [01372 467436](http://01372467436)

Saturday 6 to Monday 22 April
Cadbury Easter egg hunt
A nature-themed trail around the garden with a chocolate reward.

Hatchlands Park
near Guildford

Information: [01483 222482](http://01483222482)

Saturday 6 to Tuesday 23 April

Cadbury Easter egg hunt

Solve the clues to win a prize on this nature-themed trail.

Leith Hill Place
near Dorking

Information: [01306 711685](http://01306711685)

Friday 19 to Monday 22 April
Cadbury Easter egg hunt
Explore the grounds to find the clues for a chocolate prize.

Polesden Lacey
near Dorking

Information: [01372 452048](http://01372452048)

Saturday 6 to Monday 22 April
Cadbury Easter egg hunt

The animals of Polesden are spring cleaning. Work out what is recycled and upcycled in the woodland to win a chocolate prize.

Saturday 13 April, 11am–1pm
Bluebells walk

A spring walk led by a ranger.

Winkworth Arboretum
Godalming

Information: [01483 208477](http://01483208477)

Saturday 6 to Monday 22 April
Cadbury Easter egg hunt and family trail: Dragon Nest Quest

Two trails, one to win a chocolate treat and another to follow clues to discover the dragon's nest hiding among the trees.



Join Ruth Langsford at The Great Weybridge Cake Off

*Artisan food
& craft market*

**Saturday 15 June,
10am–3pm**

Are you the next Rahul, Ruby or Kim-Joy? Are you cute with cupcakes or nuts about fruitcake?

Categories: Celebration

• Family bake • Half-dozen bakes

Children under 12 and teens to adults, bring your masterpiece to Monument Green at 10am.

Registration closes 11am.

Win our Best in Show trophy!

Entry fee: £3.

For full details and to download an entry form, visit
www.allaboutweybridge.co.uk/cakeoff

All monies raised will support Your Sanctuary
www.yoursanctuary.org.uk

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Waves of bluebells, Surrey Wildlife Trust PHOTO COPYRIGHT: GUY EDWARDES/2020VISION

Out and about

Albury Vineyard

Albury

Tickets: alburyvineyard.com

Sunday 14 April

Bee-keeping demonstration

With Sergio, bee-keeper at Albury.

Saturday 20 April

Easter open day

Family-friendly, self-guided tours of the vineyard, wine tasting, toy trail for children and lots more.

Brooklands Museum

Weybridge

Tickets: brooklandsmuseum.com

Monday 8 to Thursday 18 April

Easter school holiday family fun

Running weekdays, car rides will operate, visit Concorde, pick up the Easter trail and more.

Gatton Park

Reigate

Tickets: gattonpark.com

Sunday 21 to Monday 22 April

Easter egg hunt

Explore the beautiful Edwardian gardens looking for clues to win chocolate eggs, with Easter crafts, face painting and games.

Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey

Tickets: hrp.org.uk

Saturday 6 to Monday 22 April

Easter Lindt Gold Bunny hunt

Follow clues around the Palace.

Painshill Park

Cobham

Tickets: painshill.co.uk

Sunday 21 April, 10am–1pm

Easter chocolate treasure hunt

Solve riddles to reveal the chocolate.

RHS Wisley

Woking

Tickets: rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley

Saturday 6 to Monday 29 April

Easter holidays

Drop-in fun family activities.

Monday 29 April to Sunday 5 May

National Gardening Week

Talks and celebration of the Week.

Surrey Wildlife Trust

Various locations

Information: surreywildlifetrust.org

Thursday 11 April, 10am–4pm

Meet the newborns at

Bonhurst Farm, Bramley

An unforgettable family experience.

Wednesday 17 April, 10–11.30am

Waves of bluebells, White Down,

Gomshall

Spring arrives on White Down.